

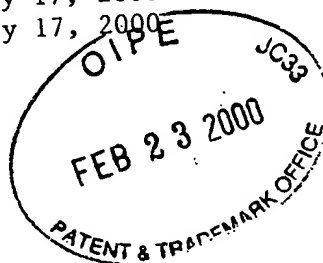
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In re Application of: Saav dra et al.
 Serial No. 08/837,812
 Filed: April 22, 1997
 For: Biopolymer-Bound Nitric Oxide-Releasing Compositions, Pharmaceutical Compositions
 Incorporating Same and Methods of Treating Biological Disorders Using Same

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☒ Petition For Extension Of Time
- ☒ Applicant(s) petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$380.00 (enclosed).
- ☐ Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ Other:

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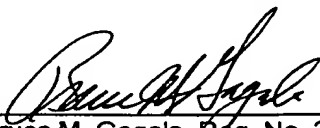
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 1999,
please enter the following amendments and consider the
following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A polymeric composition capable of releasing nitric oxide, said composition comprising (i) a biopolymeric backbone wherein said backbone is of [an oligonucleotide, a nucleic acid,] a tissue-specific antibody or fragment thereof, a cell-specific antibody or fragment thereof, a tumor-specific antibody or fragment thereof, a protein containing a recognition sequence for a receptor-ligand interaction favorable to [tumor] cell or tissue selective attachment, an anti-chemotactic agent, or a hormone, wherein said backbone includes at least one amino group or at least one carboxyl group or combinations thereof, and (ii) at least one nitric oxide-releasing $N_2O_2^-$ functional group selected from the group consisting of $X\{O\}NO$ and $[N(O)NO\}X$, wherein X is an organic moiety covalently bonded to said $[N_2O_2]$, and wherein the $[N_2O_2]$ group is covalently bonded in said polymeric composition at one